

families and children in need. Through this organization, Gisela has also helped coordinate supply efforts to areas impacted by hurricanes such as Irma and Maria. She has assisted with organizing over 20 flights with aid and water filtration systems to the Bahamas and Puerto Rico. She currently sits on the board for Giving4Hope.

Since 2018, she has been a member of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), a group that is a leading advocacy group for Latino/a worker's rights in this country. Gisela is currently the vice president of the Central Florida chapter.

Gisela loves participating in the Orange County Public Schools "Teach-In Day" program, where she volunteers her time to talk with students about the importance of academics in relation to careers and the future of the airline industry. Gisela also takes time to support the community with voter registration drives, citizenship clinics, and food drives, to name a few.

As the daughter of Ramon and Leticia Alvarez, who came to the United States from Medellin, Colombia, for a better life, she understands the importance of helping others and treating everyone with kindness. She contributes her success, her hard work ethic, and the value of treating everyone with respect, to them. Gisela is blessed to see such positive traits, habits, and willingness to volunteer reflected in her daughter, Zoey.

RECOGNIZING DR. RICKEY LEE HURST WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present Dr. Rickey Lee Hurst, of Nacogdoches, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service to this Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

The son of a former B92 Pilot who flew during WWII, service to God, family and country runs deep within Rick and his family. While attending Texas Tech University, the war was raging in Vietnam. As many fine young American men did during that time, he registered for the draft without hesitation. His number was not called. He completed his education and training in dentistry and ultimately as an oral maxillofacial surgeon without pause. He then established his private practice in Nacogdoches, Texas, that operated from 1980 to 2022.

On September 11, 2001, America was attacked, and Ricky felt a deep call to go where he was needed most. He left his family, prosperity, and comfortable life in Nacogdoches, Texas, to volunteer for the U.S. Army at war. On September 18, 2002, he received a direct commission as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and just a year later was called to Active Duty for Operation Enduring Freedom. He served with the TF 44 MED/452nd Combat Support Hospital in Bagram, Afghanistan, and then later he was called again to Active Duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom during the surge in Iraq where he was responsible for all head and neck assessments and treatment in deliv-

ering care for U.S. soldiers, Marines, coalition forces, Iraqi Army Troops, Iraqi police, as well as injured civilians procedures and consistently made critical contributions to the surgical mission of the hospital and task force.

Ricky teaches Christian apologetics at Regents Academy and serves as a mentor to students and staff. He and his wife volunteer as tutors for children and adults in the community and they participate in Mission activities at home and abroad. He serves as an elder at Grace Bible Church in Nacogdoches and assists with the Regents Academy BIG Serve event every year, where students from Regents go out into the community and assist various non-profit organizations with area beautification and handyman-type repairs to their properties.

It is my honor to award Dr. Rickey Lee Hurst with a Congressional Veteran Commendation.

TRIBUTE TO RANDY A. RECORD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and congratulate Randy A. Record for his 24 years of dedicated service to the Board of Directors of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). EMWD is a water, wastewater, and recycled water agency representing a population of nearly one million people in western Riverside County.

Mr. Record represents Division 3 on EMWD's Board of Directors, which includes the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, and surrounding unincorporated areas. During the nearly past quarter-century, he became one of California's leading water policy officials and helped create a more, reliable water supply for tens of millions of domestic and agricultural customers.

During his time on EMWD's Board, Mr. Record served as the President of the Association of California Water Agencies, the Monday Morning Group's Water Committee Chair, and the Chairman of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). He was also a vocal advocate in support of EMWD's relationships with local Native American tribes and was instrumental in the Soboba Settlement Act that was enacted by Congress in 2008. In addition, he is widely credited with helping bridge the gap between urban and agricultural users during California's drought in the mid-2010s.

Mr. Record has been a leading advocate for state and federal investments in western water infrastructure and for the adoption of drought-tolerant landscaping in public spaces to reduce water waste.

Mr. Record was preceded on the Board of Directors at both EMWD and Metropolitan by his father, Clayton Record. His retirement from EMWD will allow Mr. Record more time to focus on advancing innovative approaches to sustainable agriculture.

On a personal note, I count Randy as one of my longest and closest friends. I have appreciated his advice, humor, and support over the years and look forward to many more.

I thank Mr. Record for his friendship, leadership, and his lasting impact in creating a better

water supply future for the western United States.

REMEMBERING BILL LUCY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a profound tribute to William "Bill" Lucy, a giant of the civil rights and labor movements, who passed on Tuesday, September 24, at the age of 90. Mr. Lucy, a native of Memphis, was a 34-year-old working for the Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) when he was sent to Memphis to work with the striking sanitation workers in February of 1968. He is credited with the iconic "I AM A MAN" placard messages and with encouraging Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to come to Memphis to support the cause. Those efforts led to the creation of AFSCME Local 1733 which is still proudly representing local public employees. Lucy was born on November 26, 1933, and attended schools in Memphis until his father was recruited to work as a welder in the California shipyards during World War II. Lucy graduated from high school in 1951 and studied civil engineering at the University of California-Berkeley. He then worked in the shipyards before being hired by the Contra Costa County government as an engineering aide. In that position, he strengthened an employee association into a real union, AFSCME's Local 1675, before heading east to Washington in 1966 to work at AFSCME's national headquarters as executive assistant to its International President Jerry Wurf. He was working at the headquarters office in Detroit when he was called to Memphis to monitor a dispute between the city and striking sanitation workers, who were not officially affiliated with AFSCME. He joined the negotiations on their behalf with a city that deemed their strike an illegal walkout and refused to acknowledge the workers or their demands for improved working conditions, union recognition, and respect. He and the Reverend Malcolm Blackburn helped devise the iconic I AM A MAN placards that galvanized not just local workers but world opinion. After Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, and cities across the country burned, President Johnson urged an end to the strike largely on the workers' terms.

On a personal note, I considered Mr. Lucy a good friend and have valued his advice and guidance throughout my time in public office. I particularly cherish the 2007 William Lucy Award I received from the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists of Tennessee and Kentucky that he founded. Mr. Lucy was a tall and commanding figure whose presence was striking and justly demanded respect and attention.

Mr. Lucy became the international secretary-treasurer of AFSCME and served there for 38 years. During that time, he helped found the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists to counter the neutral stand the AFL-CIO took in the 1972 presidential race, contending that re-electing Richard Nixon threatened civil rights and labor progress. Mr. Lucy was later a central figure in the boycotts and campaigns for divestments from state employee pension funds aimed at the white South African apartheid system. In the mid 1980s, he helped

launch the Free South Africa Movement which held protests outside the South African Embassy in Washington and called for the release of Nelson Mandela, who was ultimately freed in 1990 after 27 years in prison to become the country's first Black president. In 1994, Mr. Lucy led an AFL-CIO delegation to South Africa to monitor the election in which Mandela was elected president. Mr. Lucy served as the first Black president of the Public Services International, the world's largest labor federation, and was on the boards of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Africa-America Institute, and other organizations and was regularly recognized as one of the most influential Black Americans by *Ebony* magazine. In 1995, he was elected to the AFL-CIO's executive council. Before and during his retirement, Mr. Lucy remained active in a variety of civil rights activities and was an advisor to Washington, D.C., Mayors Walter Washington and Marion Berry. Dorothea, his wife of 47 years, passed in 2000, and his son William Jr., in 1977. I extend my sincere condolences to his daughters Benita and Phyllis, his extended family and his many friends and countless admirers. Mr. Lucy was a major force for good in this country and around the world, and he will be missed.

HONORING TAYLOR BRISTOW

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the death of Investigator Taylor Bristow of Carrollton, Georgia.

On Friday, August 23, 2024, Taylor Bristow heroically laid down his life in the line of duty at only 30 years old.

Taylor Bristow was born on July 2, 1994, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Investigator Bristow was a dedicated family man and is survived by his wife and two children.

When he wasn't out protecting and serving his community, Taylor enjoyed playing with his children and two dogs and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Braves.

As an investigator, he was passionate about working with children and animal abuse cases. He wanted to help people, and was successful in that life goal. Our state has lost a hero, and we send our condolences to his family and community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOX RIVER RADIO LEAGUE

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fox River Radio League, one of the longest running amateur radio organizations in our country. Founded in 1924, the Fox River Radio League emerged from the passion and determination of young radio enthusiasts in the Aurora area. These pioneers delved into the

worlds of electromagnetic theory, vacuum tube technology, and Morse code, inspired by the model of the national Amateur Radio Relay League, which had been established a decade earlier in 1914.

Radio electronics were also an important part of my childhood. I can still remember the bright red cover of the 1967 AARL Radio Amateur's Handbook, the excitement of receiving a new Allied Electronics Catalog, the smell of dust of heating up on vacuum tubes with their filaments glowing cherry red—and all of the interesting things you could do with the 35 kilovolt power supply from an old TV.

When we reflect on the early 20th Century, we recognize it as a time of innovation in wireless communications. The wartime use of radio demonstrated its tremendous potential, highlighting the critical role this technology would play in connecting people across great distances.

In the post-war era, the fascination with radio blossomed, evolving rapidly to encompass new possibilities. Today, we are able to communicate across boundaries that once seemed insurmountable—sending signals that can bounce off the moon, transmitting and receiving digital messages, and establishing communications with astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

Currently, there are over 778,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the United States, each contributing to a network of communication that fosters connectivity and collaboration. Among these esteemed operators is the Fox River Radio League, with its 160 enthusiastic members—from pre-teens to retirees. These dedicated individuals gather monthly in Batavia, Illinois, finding community and joy in their shared passion for this historic hobby. But their contributions extend far beyond personal enjoyment. The members of the Fox River Radio League play a vital role in providing assistance during emergencies, supporting public events, and ensuring safety through on-scene communications.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Fox River Radio League serves as a beacon of community spirit and effective communication in my district. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this centennial achievement, and to thank Kermit Carlson, an old friend from Fermilab and the current President of the Fox River Radio League. May the Fox River Radio League continue to inspire and connect people, spreading the love of amateur radio for generations to come.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF INNOVATION AT GENERAL MOTORS' MILFORD PROVING GROUND

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and celebrate the 100th anniversary of General Motors' Milford Proving Ground, a site that has been a cornerstone of progress in the automotive industry. Located in Oakland County, Michigan, Milford Proving Ground has played a pivotal role in shaping the future of transportation since its opening on September 25, 1924, and stands as the oldest dedicated vehicle testing facility in the world.

For the past century, Milford Proving Ground has been at the forefront of technological breakthroughs that have transformed the way we travel and stay safe on the road. The facility has a rich history of safety testing, including conducting the first vehicle rollover tests in 1934 and developing guardrails to reduce accidents and injuries. General Motors engineers pioneered the creation of crash test dummies. The site was also instrumental in introducing key safety features such as airbags, child car seats, and anti-lock brakes—improvements that have saved countless lives and set global standards for vehicle safety.

Throughout its 100 years, Milford Proving Ground has led the way in automotive progress and reliability. During World War II, the facility was an integral part of America's Arsenal of Democracy, supporting the war effort by testing tanks and other military vehicles to ensure they could withstand the harsh challenges of combat. In response to evolving standards and environmental concerns, engineers tested the first engine to run on unleaded fuel and made significant strides in increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions.

As we reflect on its remarkable history, we must also look to the Milford Proving Ground's future as a hub of groundbreaking innovation. The site, which now covers over 4,000 acres with over 150 miles of test courses, continues to drive leading-edge advancements. It is here that the next generation of electric vehicles is being put through its paces, along with vehicles designed for space exploration, such as the Lunar Mobility Vehicle for NASA's Artemis mission.

It's also important to recognize not only the Milford Proving Ground's technological milestones but also the people who made these accomplishments possible. From past pioneers to the more than 4,200 employees who work there today, each has played a vital role. Test drivers and engineers have pushed vehicles to their limits, while environmental specialists have helped preserve the site's natural beauty and wildlife, making General Motors a world leader in automotive testing and development.

It is with deep appreciation that I recognize its century of service and contributions to the automotive industry here in the official record of the United States House of Representatives. May General Motors' Milford Proving Ground continue to exemplify American ingenuity and serve as a beacon of innovation for many more years to come.

HONORING MILTON JONES

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Milton Jones, an East Tennessean who served our country in the U.S. Navy and worked on the Manhattan Project.

Milton grew up with an interest in technology and how it works, which would serve him well throughout his career. After he graduated from Farragut High School in 1941, Jones earned a first class radio license from Madison College in Nashville. He then went on to train the Army Signal Corps until he was